

RESOLUTION**AUTHORIZATION APPROVING FINAL LIST OF VOLUNTEER MEMBERS OF THE BRIDGEWATER FIRST AID AND RESCUE SQUADS WHO QUALIFY FOR CONTRIBUTIONS UNDER THE TOWNSHIP LOSAP PROGRAM IN THE TOWNSHIP OF BRIDGEWATER, COUNTY OF SOMERSET**

WHEREAS, the Township of Bridgewater has created and established a length of service awards program (LOSAP) in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-183 et. seq. (Emergency Services Volunteer Length Of Service Award Program Act) so as to reward active members of the Bradley Gardens First Aid and Rescue Squad, Inc., the Finderne First Aid and Rescue Squad, the Martinsville Rescue Squad, Inc. and the Green Knoll Rescue Squad for their loyal, diligent and devoted services to the residents of the Township; and

WHEREAS, the program provides for fixed annual contributions of \$1,150 per qualifying member adjusted per consumer price index published through Division of Consumer Affairs to a deferred-income account for each volunteer member that meets the criteria set forth in Chapter 17 (ordinance 02-08) of the Township Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the required contribution in 2022 is \$1,363.94 per qualified member; and

WHEREAS, a minimum of 500 annual service points is required for a member of the Bridgewater first aid and rescue squads to be eligible for an annual contribution to the program, calculated in accordance with the Bridgewater first aid and rescue squads LOSAP service point system; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with N.J.S.A. 40A:14-191 and section 17-6 of the Township LOSAP Ordinance, the presidents of the four aforementioned first aid and rescue squads shall furnish to the Township Council an annual list, certified under oath, identifying those active volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program for the previous year; and

WHEREAS, four first aid and rescue squads have so furnished their annual list and the Township Council has reviewed those annual certified lists including the records and documentation provided by those squads to substantiate the information provided; and

WHEREAS, the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater is satisfied that those volunteer members of the four first aid and rescue squads so named in each of the lists are eligible and do qualify for credit under the award program and wish to affirm and approve the final list of qualified volunteer members of the four first aid and rescue squads so that the appropriate compensation may be contributed.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Township Council of the Township of Bridgewater as follows:

1. It hereby approves the certified annual lists submitted by the four first aid and rescue squads if the fees acknowledge that each of the volunteer members identified therein are active volunteer members who have qualified for credit under the award program.

2. It authorizes the transfer of fixed annual contributions to the accounts of each of those qualified volunteer members in the amount of **\$1,363.94** for the year 2022, in accordance with section 17-2 and section 17-3 (C) of the Township LOSAP Ordinance (Chapter 17 of the Township Municipal Code).
3. Upon approval of the four certified lists by this Resolution of the Township Council, the lists shall be posted at the office of the Township Clerk, at the Township Library and a copy thereof shall be returned to the four first aid and rescue squads for posting pursuant to N.J.A.C. 5:30-14.10.
4. Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 40A:14-188, a member whose name does not appear on the approved list, may appeal the posting. The appeal shall be within 30 days of the list's posting. The appeal shall be made in writing and mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the Township Clerk. The Township Council shall investigate the appeal and render a written decision regarding the appeal within 30 days of the Township Clerk's receipt of the appeal.

Introduced	Seconded	Council	Aye	Nay	Abstain	Absent
✓		Kurdyla	✓			
	✓	Norgalis	✓			
		Pedroso	✓			
		Ring	✓			
		Kirsh	✓			

Adopted: March 2, 2023